Transmission/Delivery of Money Orders Through FAX

872. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for transmission/delivery of money orders through FAX in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme would also cover the State of Assam; and

(d) what are the other States which are proposed to be covered under this Scheme by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Convenion of Telephone Exchanges into Electronic Exchanges

873. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of electronic Telephone exchanges which are functioning in the State of Assam at present;

(b) what is the number of telephone exchanges which are to be converted into electronic exchanges in Assam by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the amount to be spent on this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 231 electronic exchanges are functioning in the State of Assam as on 31-3-93.

(b) 3 exchanges are proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges during Eighth Five Year Plan

(c) Rs. 6,32,62,013/-.

ISD/STD Facility in Telephone Exchanges of Assam

874. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephone exchanges in Assam which are provided with ISD/STD facilities so far;

(b) what is the number of telephone exchanges to be provided with ISD/STD during the end of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what is the amount to be spent on this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 151 Telephone Exchanges in Assam are provided ISD/STD facilities as on 31.3.93.

(b) All Telephone Exchanges are proposed to be provided with ISD/STD facility by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) The amount is calculated on year to year basis—It depends upon the type of technology available.

Telecommunication and Telegraph Office in the Districts of Punjab

875. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecommunication Centre/Telegraph Office at Abohar and Fazilka where new SFT channels have been provided are not working properly because of non-airconditioning causing great difficulties to people and media;